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**FROM COLONEL GEORGE WILLIAM FAIRFAX. <sup>1</sup>**

ALEXANDRIA May 9th: 1756

DEAR SIR

Upon hearing the many Alarming Accots: at Williamsburg, I hasten'd away as soon as possible, tho' there was some particur: Acts I should have been glad to have seen pass'd, as they were Relative to our Militia, But upon my arrival, I found the Militia ordered out by Colo: Carlyle, when march'd many days before; otherwise I believe I should have Accompanied them. Your letter dated at Winchester Sunday Evening my Father received at Williamsburg after I left it, and Yesterday put it into my hand, by which I am sensible of the distressed condition poor Frederick must have been in, but by late Letters from Capt: Dalton and others, I am pleased to hear that the causes are greatly Removed. But if those cruel Savages should hereafter return or while you are up I beg that you'll freely Command me. being willing and always desirous of serving my Country under so experienced a Commander. My Father writes you Running News therefore shall only add that your continued favour will greatly oblige your Affectn. and very humble Servt. G. W. FAIRFAX

I am extremely sorry to hear that our People have misbehaved, and I hope my Father and the Officers under him will punish them as they deserved, and those sent back will I dare say meet with their Reward. Remember me to Capt: Mercer &c.

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1 Colonel George William Fairfax, the oldest son of the Hon. William Fairfax, was born at Nassau, in the West Indies, in 1724; married Sarah, daughter of Colonel Wilson Cary, of Hampton, Virginia, in 1748; and died at Bath, England, April 3, 1787.